

become the property of his Mother Martha Martin & her heirs forever; & in case my hereinafter mentioned Executors shall judge it more to the benefit of my daughter to sell her portion I leave it in their power to do so; & the moneys arising from such Sale (both principal & Interest) (which may arise from such principal) to be applied as above mentioned. Item I give & bequeath to my dear & well beloved Wife Martha Martin the one third part of my Estate to be delivered to her; for her Self her heirs & assigns forever; Item I give & bequeath to my nease viz. Sarah Martin (daughter of Moses Martin late of this place deceased) one Gold Mourning Ring to be delivered to her at the age of thirteen years. Lastly I hereby nominate constitute & appoint my dear & beloved Wife Martha Martin as executrix & my well beloved friend & Father in Law John Mitchell & my true & trusty friends Coll. Lawrence Sanders & James Skerwing Esq. Executors of this my last will & Testament. And I do hereby utterly revoke & disannul all former Wills & Testaments In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Twenty Second day of February One Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Nine Signed, Sealed; published, pronounced & declared by the said Isaac Martin, as his last will & Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers

Jos: Gibbons Junr:
John Mitchell Junr:

This Will was Proved before His Excy the 12th of May 1749 by the Oath of Joseph Gibbons Junr & Martha Martin & John Mitchell Esqrs & Esors were Qualified at the same time

In the Name of God Amen: I John Bee of Colleton County in the Province of South Carolina, Gentleman being Sick & Weak in Body but of Sound Mind & Memory (thanks be given to the Almighty God for the same) & Considering the Uncertainty of this Present Life, & that it is Appointed all Men Once to Die, Do make & Declare these Presents to be my last Will & Testament, Principally Recommending my Soul into the Hands

of my Great Creator, Trusting in the Merits of my Redeemer for a full Remission of all my Sins, & my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors & Executrix herein after named — Infirmities; I Will & Order that all my just Debts & Funeral Charges be first paid & Discharged. Item I Will & Order that my House or two Tenements with all their Appurtenances, with the Land belonging to them (all lying in Charleston) be sold as soon as conveniently it may be done, by my Executors & Executrix. Item I Order that all my three Tracts of Land Lying on Whitmarshes Neck, containing Seven hundred & Thirty five Acres or thereabouts Commonly known by the name of Oswells Land, be sold in the like manner aforesaid. Item I hereby Impower my Executors & Executrix, to make Titles to the Land (whenever the same shall be sold which I desire may be as soon as Convenience will allow of) that was formerly Mrs William Livingstons, but since the property of Mrs. Dr. Holmes, which 3^d Land he the said Holmes conveyed to me, for a Debt that was justly owing me by him. Item my Will is that the House on my Plantation, that I lately purchased of Mr. David Jeffers Lying on Tooboodoo Creek be finished as soon as possible, with all the out Building already begun; which House & Plantation I give & Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Susannah Bee during her Natural Life, & after her Decease my Will is that the same be sold by my Executors, as soon as conveniently it may be done, & the money Arising from the said Sale to be Equally Divided amongst my Children that shall then be alive, & in case any of my Sons should die before they Arrive to the years of Twenty One, then & in such case I order that his or their Parts to Devolve to those of my Children that then shall Survive, & in case any of my Daughters should die before they are married or shall Arrive to the years of Eighteen my Will is that her or their Parts do Devolve in the like manner aforesaid. It is my Will & Bequeath unto my Son Joseph all those Lands Commonly known by the name of the Swamp Plantation containing

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about Seven Hundred Acres more or less, Formerly Purchased of Mr Edm^d Bellinger to him & his heirs for ever. I also give & Bequeath unto my said Son Joseph, One Hundred Acres of Land Commonly known by the name of Smith's heek, to him & his heirs forever. Item My Will is that as soon as my Son John Arrives to the Years of Twenty One that all the Rest of my Lands, Containing Two Thousand Four Hundred Acres, more or less, Lying in different Tracts but all Adjoining each other be Divided into four Equal Parts, two of which parts I give & Bequeath unto my eldest Son John, which will contain One thousand two Hundred Acres or thereabouts, to him & his heirs forever. One of the Remaining Parts Containing Six Hundred Acres or thereabouts I give & Bequeath unto my Son Thomas, to him & his heirs forever, the other Remaining Part of Six Hundred Acres or thereabouts, I give & Bequeath unto my Son William, to him & his heirs forever, & for as much as there may Arrise, Disputes between my said Sons in Regard to the Situation Improvements & Boundaries of their Divisions I hereby Impower my said Executors & Executives, to Choose, three Sole & Discreet Men to join with them in making the Divisions to my said Sons, & to Rate & Judge the Value of the Improvements that shall happen to fall to any of my said Sons in Dividing the said Land & to allow to those whose Divisions may be without Improvements, what they shall think the Difference, so as to make the Divisions as equal as Possible & my Will is that the allowance be made in money to him or them whose Divisions may be Unimproved. Item My Will & Order is that if any of my four Sons, Should die before they Arrive to the Years of Twenty One that his or their Parts of the said Lands, do Devolve Equally to those that shall Survive. Item My Will & Order is that as soon as my just Dels & funeral Charges are paid, that all my Personal Estate be Divided into eight Equal Parts, of which Parts I give & Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Susannah to be Disposed of by her as she shall think proper. Item My Will is that the other Remaining divided into Seven Equal parts after Hayne making an

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allowance to the Rest of my Six Children Ten Thousand Pounds Curr^t Money, for what I have already given her, & in case any of my Children should die, before they are married, or Arrive to the Years aforesaid then in such case, their Part or Parts, to be Decided equally amongst those of my Children that shall Survive, Excepting my Daughter Hayne. Item I Herely give Power to my Executors and Executives, to Sell a part or the Whole of my five Youngest Childrens Personal Interest, Provided that, in their Discretion & Wisdom think it Necessary & Conducive to the Interest of the Children. Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Susannah, all my Household Furniture, Consisting of Beds, Bed Furniture, Tables, Chairs, Sewing Boxes, Looking Glasses, Chests of Drawers & what other Necessaries, that are Commonly made use of in House Keeping, Confining to the Dwelling House & Kitchen. Lastly I do Herely Constitute my Loving Wife Susannah, my Executors to this my last Will & Testament, my Son John Bee, my Son Isaac Hayne, & my Brothers Thomas Simmons & Will^m Simmons, Executors of this my Will aforesaid Rescinding all former Wills by me heretofore made. In Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Twenty fifth Day of February 1748/9
Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared this to be
my last Will & Testament in the Presence of

John Splatt
Ezekiel Brantford
Geo. Livingston

This Will was Read before his Ex^{ty} the 12th May 1749 by
the Oath of John Splatt & W^m Simmons & Isaac Hayne
Executors were Qualified at the same time

South Carolina

In the name of God Amen. March the Eighth in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Eight or thereabouts I Thomas Simmons of Colleton County in the Province of S^c Carolina, Planter, being Indisposed in Body, but of Sound Mind & Memory (Thanks be to God) do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form Following